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MOTION BY SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND MOLINA

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Los Angeles County only has approximately 7000 emergency shelter beds for the 90,000 homeless individuals in the County. In response to the staggering number of homeless individuals and the corresponding critical shortage of emergency shelter beds, the Board of Supervisors has taken a number of actions to deal with this problem.

The Board approved \$2.5 million in ongoing operational funding for year-round shelters in the FY 2003-04 Budget. The \$2.5 million and additional \$200,000 of on-going operating funding for year-round shelters from the 2005-06 budget remains in Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) along with an unspent balance of \$750,000 from FY 2004-05. On June 20, 2005, the Board also designated \$20 million in the Designation for Capital Projects and Extraordinary Maintenance fund for construction and/or renovation of year-round emergency shelters, and/or enhancements to the homeless support service systems and \$2,000,000 for administration of homeless services.

The Community Development Commission (CDC) has recommended a plan for distributing the emergency shelter funds. The plan estimates \$3.5 million available in each Supervisorial District for capital costs and CDC will use 10% of the funds expended for administrative costs. CDC will receive capital fund proposals during December and January. In February, CDC will work with Los Angeles Homeless

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Services Authority (LAHSA), County Departments and Board offices to select appropriate projects and coordinate capital, operation and services funding. Once projects have been selected, CDC will provide oversight of the funds to construct or rehabilitate additional shelter beds, and LAHSA will provide oversight for operating and services funding. The estimated time to complete the selection process is March 2006.

In order to implement CDC's plan, the Board must move the designated funds previously identified for this purpose to the appropriate budget units.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Instruct the CAO to establish a new budget unit and complete a Budget Adjustment to transfer the \$20 million in Designation for Homeless to provide the spending authority for emergency shelters.
2. Delegate authority to the CAO to negotiate and execute a Memorandum of Understanding with CDC to allocate funding for construction and or renovation of year-round emergency shelters, and/or enhancements to the homeless support services system.
3. Upon completion of this agreement, authorize the CDC to incorporate the funds into the Commission's 2005-06 approved budget as needed and expend up to 10% of the \$20 million for the cost of administration.
4. Direct the CAO to complete a Budget Adjustment to transfer the \$5.45 million in Provisional Financing Uses (13760) to increase Services and Supplies in the Community and Senior Services (CSS) operating budget.
5. Instruct the CSS to enter into an agreement with LAHSA for the transfer of the \$3.45 million for operations and supportive services for allocation to the projects or selected enhancements to the homeless support services system.

6. Instruct the CAO, CDC, LAHSA, to work with each Board office, and any other appropriate County Departments to participate in the selection process for the allocation and distribution of the capital and operating funds; and CDC and LAHSA to provide necessary evaluation guidelines, including appropriate costs for operations/services, and construction/rehabilitation.
7. Instruct CDC and LAHSA to obtain Board of Supervisors approval for each recommended project and authorization to enter into contracts with the recommended agencies.
8. Direct the CAO to ensure that funds herein appropriated and not used or encumbered by June 30, 2006, are re-budgeted for the purposes enumerated in this motion.